

# South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center

## MORNING BRIEFING Wednesday, September 6, 2006

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE **POCATELLO** IDAHO  
346 AM MDT WED SEP 6 2006

.DISCUSSION...

EARLY MORNING SATELLITE IMAGERY WAS SHOWING AN AREA OF WEAK CONVECTION WORKING EAST THROUGH BOISE AHEAD OF A SMALL UPPER LEVEL DISTURBANCE. NUMERICAL MODELS SPREAD THIS FEATURE EAST TO BURLEY BY NOON TODAY THEN INTO THE POCATELLO AREA BY 6PM MDT WITH THE BEST DYNAMICAL FORCING FOR THUNDERSTORMS EXPECTED AHEAD OF THIS FEATURE THIS AFTERNOON. DRY LOWER LEVELS WILL SUPPORT STRONG GUSTY OUTFLOW WINDS OF 40-45 MPH WITH THE THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY TODAY. AMOUNT AND COVERAGE OF ACTIVITY STILL UNCERTAIN SO WILL HOLD OFF ON ANY RED FLAG STATEMENTS FOR NOW...DAY SHIFT MAY FOLLOW WITH A SHORT FUSED WARNING AS DEVELOPING CONDITIONS WARRANT. LITTLE CHANGE EXPECT THURSDAY AS A WELL DEFINED DISTURBANCE CURRENTLY POSITIONED ALONG THE OREGON COAST SHIFTS INLAND ACROSS THE NORTHERN GREAT BASIN SPARKING YET ANOTHER ROUND OF DRY THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY. AGAIN...AMOUNT AND COVERAGE OF CONVECTION UNCERTAIN BASED ON TIMING AND TRACK OF DISTURBANCE THUS NO HIGHLIGHTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED. BEYOND FRIDAY...MODELS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH STORM TRACK OF NEXT PACIFIC TROUGH OPTING FOR A LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM SPINNING UP OFF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST COAST FRIDAY EVENING THEN LIFTING NORTHEAST INTO CANADA SATURDAY. UPPER LEVEL PATTERN GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF CONTINUED CONVECTIVE ACTIVITY WITH A MODEST INCREASE IN SOUTHWEST WINDS ALOFT OVER THE REGION.

### EAST CENTRAL IDAHO MOUNTAINS

Zone 407      LAL...2 then 1 after midnight      Haines Index...5 Moderate

### MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY/SOUTH CENTRAL PORTION UPPER SNAKE RIVER BLM

Zone 409      LAL...1      Haines Index...5 Moderate

### UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY/NE PORTION UPPER SNAKE RIVER BLM

Zone 410      LAL...2 then 1 after midnight      Haines Index...5 Moderate

### GOOSE CREEK AND RAFT RIVER VALLEY/SOUTHERN SAWTOOTH NF

Zone 412      LAL...2 then 1 after midnight      Haines Index...5 Moderate

→ Detailed fire weather forecast available at Pocatello Weather Service:  
[www.wrh.noaa.gov/Pocatello](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/Pocatello)

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE **BOISE** ID 609 AM MDT WED SEP 6 2006

FIRE WEATHER WATCH IN EFFECT FROM 2 PM MDT THIS AFTERNOON THROUGH THIS EVENING FOR FOR WIDELY SCATTERED DRY THUNDERSTORMS AND EXTREMELY DRY FUELS OVER EASTERN PAYETTE AND NORTHERN BOISE NATIONAL FORESTS AS WELL AS OWYHEE MOUNTAINS INCLUDING FIRE ZONES 402 403 AND 419... **Note: Zone 418 - Western Twin Falls BLM - presently not under the Fire Weather Watch, but may be included later today.**

... ISOLATED MAINLY DRY THUNDERSTORMS THIS MORNING EASTERN PAYETTE AND SOUTHERN SHOSHONE BLM ...

... HOT AND DRY WEATHER TODAY AND THURSDAY THEN COOLING TREND ...

.DISCUSSION...

BROAD UPPER LEVEL RIDGING AND WEAK FLOW KEEPS HOT DRY WEATHER AND MID/UPPER MOISTURE OVER OUR AREA THROUGH THURSDAY. A WEAK UPPER DISTURBANCE FROM MCCALL TO MOUNTAIN HOME THIS MORNING BRINGS ISOLATED DRY THUNDERSTORMS AND VIRGA/LIGHT SHOWERS TO EASTERN DISTRICTS UNTIL 9 AM. AFTERNOON HEATING COMBINED WITH A WEAK UPPER LOW INTO BURNS BLM THIS AFTERNOON WILL KICK OFF ANOTHER ROUND OF LATE DAY THUNDERSTORMS IN THE MOUNTAINS INCLUDING THE STEENS. HIGHEST MOUNTAINS WILL LIKELY SEE COVERAGE APPROACHING SCATTERED DRY THUNDERSTORMS 1400-2200. DEBRIS CLOUDS TONIGHT KEEP MIN TEMPERATURES MILD WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN RH RECOVERIES.

WESTERN TWIN FALLS BLM

Zone 418 LAL...2

Haines Index...5 Moderate

→ Detailed fire weather forecast available at Boise Weather Service:  
<http://fire.boi.noaa.gov/FIREWX/BOIFWFOI.html>

**PREPAREDNESS LEVELS:**

SCIIDC	PL 3
Eastern Great Basin	PL 5
National	PL 5

Wednesday, September 6, 2006	
BLM	
Duty Officer	WFSA Coordinator
Mike Aoi	Chris Simonson
Dispatch Night Phone:	24 hours

**FIRE SUMMARY FOR: Tuesday, September 5th**

**LOCAL FIRE ACTIVITY: 1 new fire erupted caused by lightning.**

Fire #	FO	Fire Name	Acres	Cause	Status / Remarks
ID-SIX-C52G	J	Granite Springs	3	L	Controlled 9/6 @ 0800

S – Shoshone Field Office, B – Burley Field Office, J – Jarbidge Field Office, STF -- Sawtooth NF

# INITIAL ATTACK RESOURCE FOR: Wednesday, September 6, 2006

## Outside resources colored in blue.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Resource Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>D/O</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<u>Overhead – Burley, Shoshone, and Twin Falls</u>						
BLM	I.C. - Wiseman	Burley	T/W	Available		
BLM	I.C. – Haxby	Burley	T/W	Available		
BLM	I.C. - J. Bedke	Burley	F/S	Committed		ID-BOF-000183
BLM	I.C. - Aoi	Shoshone	F/S	Available	Duty Officer	
BLM	I.C. - Brinkley	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - Davis	Shoshone	T/W	Committed		Grassy Hills
BLM	I.C. – Lyons	Shoshone	S/M	Available		
BLM	I.C. – Loucks	Twin Falls	S/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - Wilson	Twin Falls	S/M	Committed		Rockland
BLM	I.C. - M. Bates	Twin Falls	F/S	Available		Rockland
BLM	I.C. - George	Twin Falls	F/S	Committed		Rockland
BLM	I.C. - Mabbutt	Twin Falls	S/S	Committed	9/4	Rattlesnake
<u>Heavy Engines – Burley and Twin Falls</u>						
BLM	Engine 2401	Twin Falls	T/W	Available		
BLM	Engine 2404	Malta	S/M	Committed		Rockland
BLM	Engine 2406	Burley	M-F	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2407	Twin Falls	S/M	Committed		Brown's Canyon
BLM	Engine 2409	Twin Falls	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2410	Burley	M-F	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2412	Malta	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2413	Burley	T/W	Available		
BLM	Engine 2416	Twin Falls	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2417	Juniper Butte	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2419	Burley	T/W	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2424	Juniper Butte	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2426	Rogerson	T/W	O/S		
USFWS	Engine 3041	Burley		Available		
USFS	Engine 404	Twin Falls		Available		
<u>Light Engines – Burley and Twin Falls</u>						
BLM	Engine 2678	Burley		O/S		
BLM	Engine 2681	Twin Falls	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2687	Burley		O/S		
BLM	Engine 2688	Burley		O/S		
BLM	Engine 2690	Twin Falls	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2695	Twin Falls		O/S		
BLM	Engine 2696	Twin Falls		O/S		
<u>Heavy Engines – Shoshone, Bellevue, and Carey</u>						
BLM	Engine 2402	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2403	Shoshone	T/W	Committed		Grassy Hills
BLM	Engine 2405	Shoshone	F/S	O/S		

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BLM	Engine 2408	Carey	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2411	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2414	Bellevue	T/W	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2415	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2418	Shoshone	T/W	Committed		Green Canyon
BLM	Engine 2420	Shoshone	S/M	Committed		Grassy Hills
BLM	Engine 2421	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2422	Shoshone	T/W	Committed		Granite Springs
BLM	Engine 2423	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2427	Shoshone	T/W	O/S		
USFS	Engine 51	Shoshone		Available		
USFS	Engine 71	Shoshone		Committed		Granite Springs

Light Engines – Shoshone, Bellevue, and Carey

BLM	Engine 2682	Shoshone	F/S	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2683	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2684	Shoshone	----	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2685	Shoshone	F/S	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2692	Shoshone	T/W	Committed		Granite Springs
BLM	Engine 2693	Carey	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2694	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		

Overhead – Sawtooth NF

FS-STF	I.C. – Schenck	Minidoka	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Bishop	Minidoka RD	W/T	Committed		Green Canyon
FS-STF	I.C. – Murphy	Ketchum RD	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Sexton	Fairfield RD	S/S	Committed		Brown's Canyon
FS-STF	I.C. – Vanskike	Sawtooth SO	S/S	Committed		Brown's Canyon
FS-STF	I.C. – Hulme	Fairfield RD	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Chambers	Hailey Helo	T/W	Committed		Brown's Canyon
FS-STF	I.C. – Anderson	Stanley	F/S	Committed		Boise Air Attack
FS-STF	I.C. – Filbert	Ketchum	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Beitia	Twin Falls	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Filmore	Burley	S/S	Available		

Engines - Sawtooth National Forest

FS-STF	Engine 1411 (Heavy)	Malta	--	Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1412 (Heavy)	Burley	--	Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1413 (Heavy)	Burley		Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1414 (Heavy)	Burley	--	Available		
CA-LNP	Engine 63	Burley		Available		
AZ-ASF	Engine 76	Burley		Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1431 (Light)	Ketchum	--	Available		
FS-STF	1431 Chase Truck	Ketchum		Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1441 (Light)	Stanley	--	Available		
FS-STF	1441 Chase Truck	Stanley	--	Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1442 (Light)	Stanley	--	Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1443 (Light)	Stanley	F/S	Available		
FS-STF	Engine 1451 (Light)	Big Smokey	--	Available		

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Resource Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>D/O</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<u>Water Tenders – BLM &amp; Forest Service</u>						
BLM	WT-221	Shoshone	T/W	Available		Granite Springs
BLM	WT-222	Burley	S/M	Committed		
BLM	WT-223	Twin Falls	T/W	Available		
BLM	WT-224	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	WT-225	Twin Falls	S/M	O/S		
<u>Prevention – Forest Service</u>						
FS-STF	Prevention 11	Burley (McLean)	W/T	Available		Brown’s Canyon
FS-STF	Prevention 12	Burley	S/S	Committed		
FS-STF	Prevention 31	Ketchum/Stamley		Available		
FS-STF	Prevention 32	Ketchum/Stamley		Available		
FS-STF	Prevention 51	Fairfield (Hulme)	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	Look Out	Mt. Harrison		Off		
<u>Engines – Three Island Crossing State Park</u>						
IDPR-Type 4 Engine 2272		Three Island		Unavailable		
IDPR-Type 6 Engine 2291		Three Island		Unavailable		
IDPR-Type 6 Engine 2331		Three Island		Available		
<u>Aircraft – BLM</u>						
BLM-TFD	Air Attack-534SA	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
BLM-TFD	SEAT 447	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
BLM-TFD	SEAT 448	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
BLM-TFD	SEAT 481	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
BLM-TFD	Jump 97 w/4	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
<u>Helicopters – BLM and Forest Service</u>						
BLM-TFD	Helicopter—97HJ	Twin Falls T.B.		Committed		Rockland Browns Canyon Trailhead
USFS-STF	Helicopter-- 352SC	Hailey		Committed		
USFS-CWN	Helicopter—4237M	Twin Falls		Committed		
<u>Crews – BLM &amp; Forest Service</u>						
ID-STF	Sawtooth IHC	Twin Falls		Unavailable until Friday		
ID-STF	Sawtooth Regulars	Twin Falls		O/S		
ID-STF	Shake Creek IA	Shake Creek		Available		
<u>Dozers – BLM</u>						
ID-BLM	Dozer	Shoshone		Available		Rockland Green Canyon
Nix	Dozer D-6	Filer		Available		
Absaroka	Dozer	Kimama		Committed		
Robison	Dozer	Burley		Committed		

## **Off District (BLM) Summary**

<u><b>Resource</b></u>	<u><b>Date Assigned /Position</b></u>	<u><b>Incident Name/Number</b></u>
Bedke, Jeff	8/23 / Safety Officer	Rattlesnake Complex / ID-BOF-000183
Butler, Trena	9/1 / Comm. Coord. NR 06	IN-Large Fire Support / MT-NRC-000008
Glenn Fischer	9/3 / MEDL	Shake Table Complex/ OR-MAF-000442
Larry Mabbutt	9/4 / AOBD	Rattlesnake Complex/ ID-BOF-000183
Bassler, Barb	9/5 / PIO	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206
Robbins, Barry (AD)	9/5 / Food Unit	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206
Absoroka Dozer	8/29 DOZER	Rockland/ID-IFD-000037
Control Tower	9/5 Air Control Tower	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206
Engine-2404	8/29 Engine Type 4	Rockland/ID-IFD-000037
Helicopter 97	8/29 / Type 2 Helicopter	Rockland/ ID-IFD-000037

## **Off Forest (Sawtooth N.F.) Summary**

<u><b>Resource</b></u>	<u><b>Date Assigned /Position</b></u>	<u><b>Incident Name/Number</b></u>
Crawford, Ruth	8/15 / Buying Team	Purdy / WY-SHF-000278
Robnett, Shawn	9/2 / BAER Assessment	Summit Lake / ID-BOF-000199
Chatel, John	9/2 / BAER Assessment	Summit Lake / ID-BOF-000199
Muffley, Jill	9/4 / Resource Unit Leader	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206
Dettori, Mike	9/4 / Logistics	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206

## **Twin Falls Fuel Moistures**

<b>Balanced Rock - Sagebrush - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	06/02	06/19	06/30	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/29
<b>Percent</b>	187	127	108	96	80	92	76

<b>Goose Creek - Juniper - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	06/05	06/13	06/30	07/13	07/24	08/14	08/30
<b>Percent</b>	109	116	114	139	132	127	87

<b>Goose Creek - Sagebrush - 2006</b>								
<b>Active</b>								
<b>Date</b>	05/31	06/13	06/30	07/01	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/28
<b>Percent</b>	174	209	125	154	136	133	112	106

<b>Jim Sage - Juniper - 2006</b>								
<b>Active</b>								
<b>Date</b>	06/04	06/13	06/30	07/13	07/14	07/24	08/15	08/30
<b>Percent</b>	122	139	129	153	116	126	116	98

<b>Notch Butte - Sagebrush - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	05/31	06/19	06/27	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/29
<b>Percent</b>	191	189	182	167	157	108	115

<b>Ohio Gulch - Sagebrush - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	05/31	06/19	06/27	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/25
<b>Percent</b>	213	219	210	184	128	109	97

<b>Rye Grass Flat - Sagebrush - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	05/31	06/19	06/27	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/25
<b>Percent</b>	209	191	159	133	118	95	102

<b>Shoshone Basin - Sagebrush - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	05/31	06/17	06/30	07/13	08/01	08/14	08/28
<b>Percent</b>	205	240	206	158	139	99	114

<b>Three Creek - Sagebrush - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	05/31	06/17	06/30	07/13	08/01	08/14	08/28
<b>Percent</b>	215	161	138	141	83	71	75

<b>Three Island - Sagebrush - 2006</b>							
<b>Active</b>							
<b>Date</b>	05/31	06/19	06/30	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/29
<b>Percent</b>	182	152	141	123	103	109	83

**LOCAL FIRE DANGER INDICES FOR:** *Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

<i>Fire Planning Zone</i>	<i>RAWS Stations</i>	<i>Spread Component (SC)</i>	<i>Energy Release Component (ERC)</i>	<i>Burning Index (BI)</i>	<i>Danger Rating Per BI *</i>
<b>BLM North</b>	Ohio Gulch - 102906 Fleck Summit - 102802	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>MODERATE</b>
<b>BLM Central</b>	Deer Haven - 102711 Rock Lake - 103403 Potter Butte - 102907	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>BLM South</b>	Bull Springs - 104006 Raft River - 104104 Goose Creek - 104105	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>MODERATE</b>
<b>BLM South</b> <i>(Pinyon Pine/Juniper)</i>	Goose Creek-104105	<b>7</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>BLM Jarbidge</b>	Horse Butte – 103205 Twin Butte - 103209	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>VERY HIGH</b>
<b>Sawtooth NF North</b>	Stanley Station – 101809 Horton – 101812	<b>8</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>VERY HIGH</b>
<b>Sawtooth NF Central</b>	North Fork – 102903 Fleck Summit - 102802	<b>6</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>Sawtooth NF South (grass)</b>	Trail Gulch – 104004 Moburg Canyon - 104103	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>Sawtooth NF South (timber)</b>	Trail Gulch – 104004 Moburg Canyon - 104103	<b>6</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>HIGH</b>

**\* Note:** BI's in some areas are reporting well below the actual fire danger level due to localized conditions in the vicinity of the RAWS station itself. RAWS stations represent large areas and conditions vary within those areas. Due to this year's exceptional fuel loading and fire potential, similar to last year, the actual fire danger level could be *higher* than the reported indices.

-- Average BI for SCIIDC initial attack area is: → **55 – HIGH**